

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of August 29, 2005**

1. Town Hall Meeting on Gangs: A Town Hall meeting on gangs is scheduled for Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Speakers will include representatives from the Montgomery and Prince George's County police and states attorneys offices. (Police)

2. Walkable Communities Workshops: At the request of City staff, the State Highway Office of Safety will sponsor four Walkable Communities Workshops in Takoma Park over 2 days - October 19th and 20th. These will be similar to the Dan Burden walking tours and will address pedestrian and bicycle safety. Bob Chauncy of the National Center for Bicycling and Walking will lead the workshops. The four selected areas are Piney Branch between Philadelphia and Ritchie Avenue, Takoma/Langley Park, Takoma Junction, and Flower Avenue. All interested parties are strongly encouraged to participate. The series includes an evening group walking tour in Langley Park. Additional information will be posted shortly on the city website or contact David Suls at 301-891-7219 or DavidS@takomagov.org. (Housing and Community Development)

3. WMATA Presentation regarding Takoma Metro Development: The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has reserved the City Council Chambers for the evening of Thursday, September 15 to present information on the proposed townhouse development on the Takoma Metro property. More information will be shared as it becomes available. (Community & Government Liaison)

4. Washington Nationals Game: The Recreation Department, working in conjunction with the Community Relations Division of the Washington Nationals Baseball Team, will be taking 20 City youths and a few parent volunteers to the baseball game on Monday, September 5, vs the Florida Marlins. For many of the participants this will be the first time they have been to see a professional baseball game in person. (Recreation Department)

5. Record Number of Afternoon Addition Registrants:

Afternoon Addition after school started this week. We have a record number of first time registrants at 50% and a record number of overall registrants of 62. The week was successful with a lot of great feedback from parents. We are looking forward to moving the program to the new community center space sometime in October. (Recreation Department)

6. Takoma Park Film Festival: The Film Festival organizing committee has received 60 submissions for the November festival scheduled to be held in the Council Chambers as part of an extended series of events that will accompany the opening of the new Community Center. This small dedicated group of volunteers worked hard to publicize the event, and has been rewarded by nearly twice the number of submissions as in prior years. (Library)

7. Turning of the Seasons Celebration: Summer Quest participants are invited to a special Turning of the Seasons celebration in the children's room on September 19 at 7:00 PM. Ninety-five children enjoyed the challenges of our interactive read-to-move adventure, and will be rewarded by sharing their favorite books and experiences, with some treats and special prizes in store as well. (Library)

8. **College Bound:** Our College Bound speakers' series will be held on four Thursday evenings this fall September 29, October 6, 20 and 27th. A new speaker this year will be Judy Bass, who has worked extensively with families to select the best colleges for students with LD and/or ADHD. Other speakers will address college selection, financing and the new SAT. (Library)

9. **Philosophic Inquiry Session:** Educator and writer Chris Phillips returns to lead children and parents in philosophic inquiry on Tuesday October 4 at 7:30 PM. (Library)

10. **Squad Shifts:** Changeover for patrol squads will take place this weekend. Squads 1 and 3 (Sgts. Bowers and Frishkorn) move to the night shift. Squads 2 and 4 (Sgts. Hammond and Skibicki) move to the day shift (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), which should be considered when trying to reach these officers. This schedule will last Sept 5 - Oct. 16. (Police)

11. **Police Training:** Four officers attended an NHTSA-certified class on conducting traffic stops. One officer attended training on police interaction with autistic people. (Police)

12. **Traffic Stop Enforcement:** More than 70 traffic stops and enforcement details were operated, about two-thirds on the major roads of New Hampshire, University, Piney Branch, Maple, and Hwy. 410 (Philadelphia & Ethan Allen). (Police)

13. **Crime Report:** Working with cooperation of college security, detectives arrested two individuals involved in five burglaries or thefts spanning several months in a dormitory in the 7600 block of Flower Avenue. Patrol arrested a man Sunday for a burglary that day on Eastern Avenue. Others were arrested for cocaine possession and forgery. On Saturday evening, officers responded to a loud party on New York Avenue. One City juvenile was charged with underage possession of alcohol and two youth were charged with drug possession (marijuana). Six others were interviewed and released. All but one was from Takoma Park or Silver Spring. (Police)

14. **Maryland University Community Service Day:** The University of Maryland College Park Scholars community service day with City Gardener Mike Welsh was videotaped for a future Snapshots segment. (Media)

15. **Airing of Basketball Championship:** The Junior Varsity Final of the YES League Basketball Championships is now airing on City TV. (Media)

16. **September Snapshot:** The September Snapshots is running, featuring segments on: Community Policing: On The Beat; Takoma Park's Tree Ordinance; National Night Out; and Farmers Market Returns to Laurel Avenue. (Media)